

Neighborhood Advisory Committee to Denver Botanic Gardens (NAC) Meeting Minutes

TYPE OF MEETING	Quarterly Meeting
DATE, TIME, LOCATION	November 1, 2010 5:30pm Waring House
FACILITATORS	Jim Hannifin, NAC Co-Chair (Art Blomberg – Not Present)
NOTE TAKER	Dean Bartell, NAC Secretary/Treasurer
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES	<p>Mayoral Neighborhood Trustees: Roger Armstrong, Beth McCann, Charlie Woolley, Greg Movesian Morgans: Jay Kenney, Charles Wellso CHUN: Roger Armstrong, Debra Adams East Cheesman: Steve Lang, Dean Bartell 7thAve: Dan Braun, Jim Hannifin. Svein Reichborn-Kjennerud Community Gardeners: Linda Smoke, John Augenbuck Congress Park: Bill DeMaio, John Sutherland Denver City Council District 10: Not represented</p>
DBG ATTENDEES	Brian Vogt, CEO AJ Aljinovich, Operations Director Robin Doerr
OTHER ATTENDEES	Howard Gelt, Morgans

AGENDA

1) **Brian Vogt – CEO Report** via email prior to meeting:

Community Garden

The fall plantings of the buffer have taken place and there will be another round in the spring. Gardeners held their harvest party on the 24th of October and clean up has taken place. Water to the Community Garden will be turned off soon.

Mayoral Trustee

The Gardens interviewed all four of the candidates vetted by the NAC for a three year term beginning in 2011. One later withdrew. We forwarded all three remaining candidates to the Mayor and he has selected Christine Grawemeyer.

Concerts

We ended the season with no complaints from neighbors. The concerts were successful, outselling many other venues for the same artists and securing eight out of eleven sell-outs. We will be working with Swallow Hill from now through March to develop the 2011 line up. Neighbors are encouraged to send suggested artists to Robin or me.

Large Events

The Large Events Committee has met and will report on their recommendations at the meeting Monday.

Construction

The only noticeable construction still taking place involves the new Sensory Garden, which will open next spring and enable the reestablishment of our Horticulture Therapy program.

North Lot

GH Phipps will be completely cleared of the north lot in mid-November. In the meantime, we are finalizing contracts for fencing and sod.

Moore Cranes

Sadly, we will be moving out the Moore exhibit in February, which will involve cranes just like the ones used to install the sculptures. Neighbors adjacent to crane sites will be notified individually and in advance.

Blossoms of Light

The installation of lights began in late September. Blossoms of Light opens December 3 and will run through January 2.

Children

The Mordecai Children's Garden is already very popular, attracting an average of 350 people per day, many of whom are neighbors. It will close in Late November through February, reopening March 4th.

Public Art

We have received enthusiastic reviews of Albedo, by artist Osman Akan, in the atrium of the parking structure.

Waring Garden

We held our first brainstorming session on the garden slated to replace the asphalt parking lot on the north side of the Waring House. Three NAC representatives participated. Three designs will be refined in November and we should be ready to present the garden design at the February NAC meeting for your review.

- The following additional item was discussed at the meeting:
 - Community Ideas
 - Cheesman Gate open one morning per week
 - Joint Project on the parkway along York/Josephine between 12th and 11th
 - Children's events in the concert area
 - Over order bulbs
 - Neighborhood previews for upcoming changes
 - Neighborhood sponsorship for mayoral forum

2) Waring House Green – Jay Kenney

- NAC needs understanding of primary use and purpose of the Green
 - Comments from Waring Green Sub-Committee provided in writing to DBG and NAC
 - Brian indicated:
 - Primary purpose was to connect the house to the Gardens
 - Three designs will be next step to be shared w/ NAC
 - Design concept to be discussed at March meeting
 - Property zoned R0 in new code. DBG is being sent clarification of uses
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3) Large Events Committee – Roger Armstrong

- Gardens Grapes Hops – June 11th
- Derby Event – No event in 2011, same weekend as plant sale
- Concerts – schedule in advance to city for parking signs to be posted timely
- Same contracting w/ Swallow Hill for 2011
- Noise Monitoring – same process as 2010
- Parking – DBG to continue to explore options
- DBG being sued by former promoter. DBG asking if anyone willing to speak to attorney

4) North Lot

- Overwhelming neighborhood support for green space via survey
- Lighting and CCTV will be explored if necessary

5) Mayoral Neighborhood Trustees

- DBG in solid financial shape
- Public Art – Looking at options for west end of greenhouses

Meeting adjourned at 6:30

Next Meeting: March 2011 @ 5:30pm (Date TBD)
